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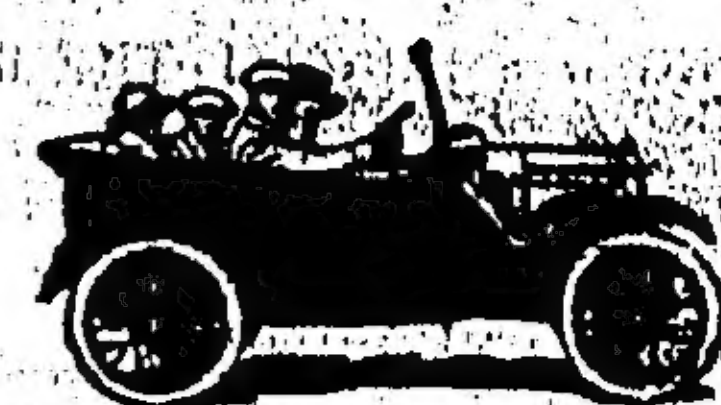
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ALLEGED PLANS OF MOSCOW. POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL COMBINATIONS. VEILED THREAT TO JAPAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 20.

The Riga correspondent of the "Times" cables that political circles in Moscow are busy working out new international combinations, particularly with regard to France, Japan and China.

The Men Who Are Shaping Russia's Destiny.



Rykov, the President.



Trotsky, the Army Chief.

One group advocates re-establishing in some form, the Franco-Russian pre-war alliance.

In regard to Far Eastern policy, an article in the "Pravda" says the immediate need of the Soviet is to regulate her relations with Japan.

Warning To Tokyo.

The Soviet diplomats, however, insist that Japan should cur-

tail her demands for naphtha concessions; otherwise the Soviet diplomats will refuse further negotiations and will create a new combination in Asia, based on a close military and economic alliance between the Soviet and China.

Japan, it is added, must understand that such alliance will menace her schemes, unless she joins the combination.

KIDNAPPING SCARE.

SERIOUS SEQUEL IN SINGAPORE.

ONE MAN KILLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, November 20.

As a sequel to the kidnapping scare, there were serious disturbances in the Chinese quarter last evening.

Man Killed.

The crowd killed a Tamil, accused of kidnapping, injured a Bengali and wrecked a motor-car.

OPIUM PROBLEM.

SUGGESTIONS TO COMBAT USE OF DRUG.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, November 20.

When the opium conference resumed sitting to-day, the delegates listened to addresses from philanthropic societies, largely British and American. One French and one Chinese society submitted suggestions to combat the use of narcotics. The Spanish delegate proposed the secretariat should distribute information to the delegations of the suggestions; the private association of the conference should have been assembled to-morrow, but it has been adjourned, thus showing that agreement has not yet been reached, regarding the Japanese contention respecting import licenses.

Canadian Plans.

The conference continued with a general discussion. The Canadian delegate declared Canada was prepared to give general support to a movement for the limitation of the manufacture of opium derivatives; also to effective control of its import and export. Dr. Alfred Sze pledged China's support of the conference. The Egyptian delegate suggested the inclusion of hashish in the list of narcotics. The Turkish delegate dwelt on the sufferings of Turkey from hashish. Sir Malcolm Delvingne said Britain held the opinion that complete elimination was impossible, though limitation of production was possible.

The Indian delegate accepted the scheme prepared by the advisory committee. The American delegation submitted a plan with a view to combating the traffic. After this the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

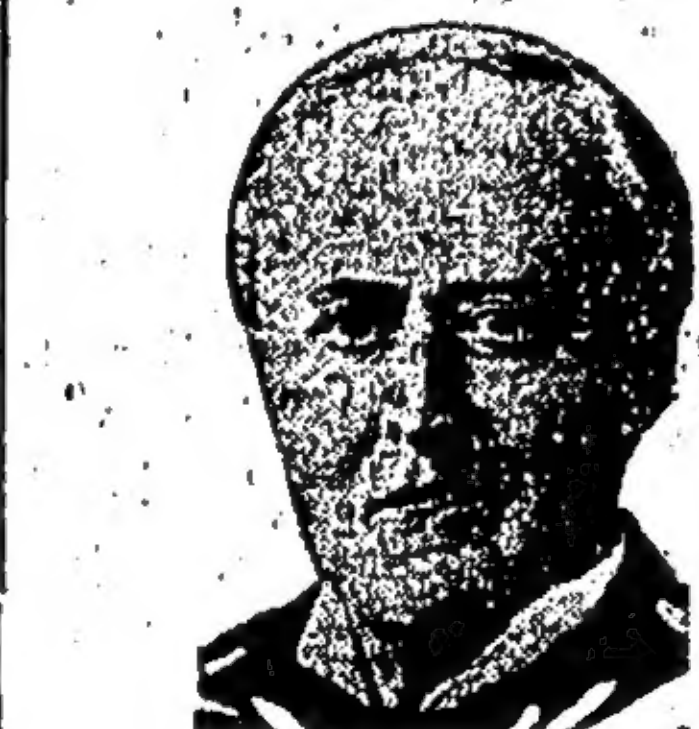
LEAGUE COUNCIL.

BRITAIN'S DESIRE TO PROMOTE WORK.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, November 20.

Reuter is informed that Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is going to Italy, in December as British representative on the Council of the League of Nations. He will thus miss the opening of Parliament.



Lord Parmoor.

It is not yet certain whether Mr. Chamberlain will attend the various meetings of the Council in his official capacity similarly to Lord Parmoor, who is appointed for the position, but it is not impossible that such an appointment will be made.

The British delegation will probably leave for Rome on December 5. The presence of the Foreign Secretary, as a member, further proves the British Government's desire to promote the work of the League to the utmost.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON v. MALAYA

At 10.30 p.m. to-morrow, on the K.C.C. Ground, the following will represent "Kowloon":—H. Overy (Capt.), L. Col. E. D. Matthews, E. D. Evans, A. T. Lay, B. C. Fincher, A. E. Wood, F. Goodwin, T. G. Lynn, A. R. F. Raven, L. A. R. Dunlop, A. W. Ramsay, Geo. Lee, Umple, J. P. Robinson. Score:—R. Mather.

JUNKS WITH ARMS.

WHEN IS A PERSON IN CHARGE?

RISKS WE ALL RUN.

HOW AN HON. MEMBER MIGHT BE "JAILED"

"There can be no doubt that this large junk was sailing from Hongkong on October 14 for Sunning in the West River with arms and ammunition aboard considerable number and importance, and you are in a position to realise even more than myself, as a comparative newcomer, the importance for local and political reasons of strictly enforcing legislation in regard to trading in arms."

This is an extract taken from Sir Henry Cowper Gollan's summing up at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case in which two Chinese on board the junk were charged with being in unlawful possession of 18 automatic pistols, 1642 rounds of pistol ammunition and 400 rounds of rifle ammunition which found by the police in secreted places while the junk was in Hongkong harbour.

Both defendants gave evidence on oath, the first stating that he was only taking over certain duties of the licencee in the latter's absence and was not absolutely the person in charge. The second said that he was only the steersman and when the boat was at anchor his duties finished. Both denied all knowledge of the smuggled arms.

Cross-examined by Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, the second defendant in the box this morning stated that the boat, whose duty it was to look after the stowage of cargo, had made good his escape in the confusion which followed the arrival of the police on board.

A tally clerk in the employ of the owners of the junk was also called by Mr. F. C. Jenkin who defended. He said that the boat and the boat's assistant had not been heard of since the appearance of the police on board and neither of them had made application for the wages that were due to them. Mr. Holmes in his final address for the prosecution said that he took up the position that the only absolute liability was on the person in charge of the junk and it was for the jury to decide on the evidence and from the production of the licence by the first prisoner in answer to the request of the police and his other answers whether this defendant was in charge at the time.

Mr. Jenkin caused considerable amusement by his illustrations to the contention that "if this argument was carried to its logical conclusion it would apply to any steam launch or motor boat." "If a member of the Legislative Council of this Colony were to proceed on his own steam launch or upon some launch over which he could be said for the moment to be in charge for the purpose of taking ladies for a bathing picnic or of meeting his wife on an incoming boat or for some other purpose consistent with his status and dignity he could not say a word in his defence according to the Crown."

His Lordship said: "If he were skipping his own launch." Mr. Jenkin: The word "skipping" is not to be found in the ordinance. I am keeping to the words, "person in charge." If it could be proved that he was in charge the hon. member would in common parlance be "in for it."

Amidst laughter His Lordship said that he could deal with him as a first offender. On point of the absolute liability of the person in charge he would have to find against Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. Jenkin then quoted the Ordinance and claimed that men who only gave the appearance of being in charge were specially provided for in the legislation and could not be held to be responsible in the same degree.

MACHINE GUN ROBBERY.

SECOND ATTEMPT MADE.

THIEVES FAIL TO SUCCEED.

A further attempt to steal machine guns was made some time between midnight on Wednesday and 10 o'clock yesterday morning, according to a report made to the police by Captain Murphy of the R.G.A.

Two Vickers Machine Guns and equipment were kept in store at the Second H.K.S. Heavy Battery R.A. at Gun Club Hill, and it was found that an attempt had been made by some person unknown to force open the typhoon window shutter in order to gain admittance, which had, however, proved unsuccessful.

No further developments are reported in regard to the incident of last Monday when two Vickers Machine Guns and equipment were stolen from the store at 88 Heavy Battery R.A., Whitfield Barracks.

SIRDAR IS DEAD.

VICTIM OF CAIRO BOMB PLOT.

A DISTINGUISHED RECORD.
(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, November 20.
Major-General Sir Lee Fitzmaurice Stack, G.B.E., C.M.G., Sirdar of Egypt, died at midnight, as a result of injuries received in the bomb outrage reported in yesterday's cables.

A PEACEFUL END.

LATER.
The Sirdar slept calmly under a narcotic administered at 10 p.m., but a definite decline in condition began at 11 p.m., the heart becoming very weak. The end came peacefully at 11.45 p.m.



Maj.-Gen. Sir Lee Stack.

FINE RECORD.

Major General Sir Lee Oliver Fitzmaurice Stack, G.B.E., C.M.G. has been Governor General of the Sudan and Sirdar of the Egyptian Army since 1910. He was educated at Clifton and Sandhurst and joined the Border Regiment in 1888. He was staff officer to the British Military Commissioner and General Officer Commanding H.M. troops in Crete in 1899, in which year he also joined the Egyptian Army. He commanded the Shamba, Field Force in 1902 (despatches, medal and clasp, 4th Class Omani), was Sudan Agent and Director of Military Intelligence in 1908, Civil Secretary to the Sudan Government 1913-16, and acting Governor General of the Sudan and Sirdar from 1917 to 1919. He held several Egyptian decorations. He was in his 57th year.

SOVIET SLOOP.

"VOROVSKY" NO LONGER IN CANTON.

POSSIBLY SAILED NORTH.

That the Soviet sloop "Vorovsky" is no longer anchored in the stream at Whampoa—the naval port about an hour's steaming down from Canton—is the news brought down by river skippers.

His late Russian naval boat had been lying close to the Chinese naval station. Rumour credits the sloop with having accompanied Dr. Sun's flagship, the cruiser "Wing Fung," down to Hongkong. She is said to have remained outside British waters and subsequently passed round the back of the island for another destination, presumably the North.

WAR CRIME.

GERMAN GENERAL IS SENTENCED.

ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.
(Reuter's Service.)

LILLE, November 20.
One of the so-called war criminals, the German General Von Nathusius, who was sentenced in contumacious to five years' imprisonment after the war, on a charge of stealing furniture, articles and clothing from a chateau in which he was billeted in wartime, recently was rearrested when visiting his father's grave at Forbach.

He was to-day retried by Court-Martial. He strenuously denied the charge, but the Court decided by a majority of 4 to 3 that Nathusius was guilty. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

AQUEDUCT DISPUTE.

SETTLEMENT REACHED AT LOS ANGELES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

LOS ANGELES, November 20.
The aqueduct dispute, reported by cable from Lone Pines on November 18, has been settled. The settlement followed a pledge by the Los Angeles Clearing House to co-operate with the ranchers in efforts to secure them a fair share of water for irrigation purposes.

RANCHERS' ATTITUDE.

The message from Lone Pines, on November 18, reads: "Hordes of ranchers accompanied by their families, all unarmed, camped last night at the Alabama gate of the Los Angeles aqueduct vowing to continue to spill the water until the authorities settle the 'water war.' The men defied the sheriff's order declaring that nobody except the militia could force them to withdraw. The ranchers claim that when the aqueduct was built it was agreed that they should get forty per cent of the water for irrigation purposes, whereas they got none and suffered great damage."

BLASTING DANGER.

WING LEE FINED 100 DOLLARS.

COPPER-SMITH'S ESCAPE.

Wing Lee, building contractor, was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with failing to take proper precautions while carrying out blasting operations at To Kwan-wan, Hunghom, on the afternoon of November 8. A copper-smith, working 150 yards from the scene of the blasting, stated in evidence that an 80-lb. boulder crashed through the roof of his dwelling. The defendant, having been fined \$100 on two previous occasions, the Magistrate inflicted a fine of \$100.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A fire broke out at a house in Saigon Street, Yau-mat, about 6.30 last evening. A wooden partition caught alight and the occupants being unable to extinguish it, the services of the Fire Brigade were sought. Two engines were immediately dispatched to the scene, but the inmates had by this time practically put out the flames. After a stay of 20 minutes the engines returned to the Station. Little damage was done.

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**"KOWLOON HOSPITAL
DECISION."**

Now that the Government has
finally decided not to staff the
Kowloon Hospital with the sisters
of the Maryknoll Mission, the
least said about the last five
weeks' bitter controversy the
better. One further observation
is, however, necessary in the
interests of community goodwill.
Next to crying over spilt milk,
there is nothing more futile than
beating against the walls of an
inflexible fact. The fact in the
present instance is of course the
Government's decision not to
employ the sisters of the Mary-
knoll Mission. Everything that
has taken place hitherto is as
irrelevant now as any further dis-
puting must be harmful. Nothing
that can be said will alter the
Government's new decision.
Therefore it is not only wasting
time to prolong the discussion; it
is also actually, as we say, making
needless trouble. Doubtless this
view, for all its stark truth, will
not appeal to the more bigoted
sections in both camps who persist
in treating the question, not as
one of public expediency, but as
a conflict between two religions.
That is only to be expected, and
it is not to these die-hards our
words are addressed. We are
speaking to those whose common
sense and finer feelings will reject
the idea of prolonging a painful
controversy when it is as clear
as daylight that no good purpose
can be served thereby. Whatever
their own private feelings about
the outcome of the dispute, these
steadier ones in both camps will

refrain, we feel sure, from making
any intemperate that will hurt the
religious feelings of either side.
After all, as the "China Mail" has
pointed out several times, there
are sufficient non-sectarian
reasons for the Government's
decision to leave the religious
question out of the matter entire-
ly. Admittedly the unfortunate
fact remains that the religious
question has been brought
very largely into the discussion,
but every impartial person
must believe that the Govern-
ment's decision is based solely
on grounds of public expedi-
ency, not upon grounds of religion
at all. This may sound like a
quibble to some, after the
religious ill-feeling of the past
five weeks, but it is a fact for all
that. Suppose that from the
very outset the Government had
resolved to staff the Kowloon
Hospital with British nurses.
Would there have been any outcry
from any section of the com-
munity, from any single race or
creed? Of course not. Then
why should there be any now
when the Kowloon Hospital is to
have British nurses just the
same? Surely, if not because these
British nurses are at one time
places that we are at one time
intended for the sisters of the
Maryknoll Mission, surely not,
we repeat, for the whatever
Maryknoll Mission persons in
certain obdurate to believe,
Hongkong may choose by the
Government on grounds of
expediency. Certainly some, the
question of public expedi-
ency would never have arisen and
Government's first decision would
never have been challenged had
not a religious outcry been raised
by the Protestants. Certainly,
we admit, some people may choose
to argue in this way, but in doing
so they entirely overlook the fact
that there was also the question of
patriotism involved and that this
question of patriotism, undoubt-
edly swayed a section of the com-
munity to protest against the
Government's decision, a section
of the community large enough to
justify the Committee of the
Kowloon Residents' Association
taking the view that the presence
of the Maryknoll sisters would
render the hospital "less attrac-
tive" to many residents for whose
use it was intended, so that the
ground of public expediency
entirely apart from the ground of
religion, was alone in itself

sufficient reason for the Govern-
ment changing its mind. Only the
"die-hards" in either camp will
refuse to take this view, and as
we say, it is a waste of time
arguing with these stubborn
spirits. Sensible people will
agree with us, we are sure, when
we repeat, as our final word upon
the subject, that with the lesson
kept in mind to prevent another
similar dispute, the matter might
well be allowed to join many
another controversy equally bitter
in its day but now completely
forgotten.

The Rabies Danger.

The regrettable death of a tram
employee from rabies a few
weeks ago, and the consequent
curfew order with regard to dogs
has aroused a deal of criticism.
With regard to the unfortunate
victim of rabies, it is asserted
with some asperity in certain
quarters that the Government as
soon as it was aware that the
patient was suffering from rabies,
should have issued a general
muzzling order. The retort of
"locking the stable door after the
horse has been stolen" suggests
itself. The matter of rabies,
however, is far too serious for
ridicule. Unless the Pasteur
treatment is taken in time, we
believe the bite of a rabid dog
invariably proves fatal. If any
of our readers has had the mis-
fortune to witness a patient in the
last stages of this terrible disease,
he will encourage the authorities
in every step they take to prevent
an outbreak of rabies. To our
mind the authorities have not
gone as far as they might have
done. An order might well have
been given that all dogs found at
large, without a muzzle or on a
"lead" would be impounded and
destroyed unless the owner was
prepared to pay an exemplary fine
to recover his or her canine pet.
We give place to none in our eyes
for the dog, but we feel that it is
the bounden duty of every owner
to prevent his animal being either
a nuisance or a danger to the rest
of the community. In the present
instance it cannot be stated with
any accuracy that the outbreak of
rabies emanated from the thou-
sands of "womies" that roam the
island. Nevertheless the possibility
exists. Many of these appear to
owe allegiance to no one; they
should be easy to deal with.
Every dog is compelled to have a
licence—those without them
should be destroyed. At the pre-
sent, there are probably far more
dogs in the Colony and New
Territories than are necessary, if
we deny this right of any dog to
live that has not an owner pre-
pared to pay for his licence and
upkeep. This was found to be the
case, some years ago in Perak,
F.M.S., and the authorities soon
found a remedy. Licences for
male dogs were fixed at one dollar,
females at five dollars. The stray
dog nuisance soon abated and the
incidence of rabies showed a
consequent diminution. What
proved efficacious in Perak might
do so here. We offer the sugges-
tion in the hopes that the
responsible authorities will give it
due consideration.

Sportsmen's Fellow Feelings.

The interport matches afforded
striking instance of the fascina-
tion that the sight of beffelled
figures and of ball meeting wood
may exercise over the minds of
people of all ages when there is
an issue at stake which concerns
the sporting reputation of the
Colony. The actual size of the
crowds which witnessed the
matches cannot, of course, com-
pare with those to be seen daily
at the famous grounds in the
metropolis; but for the numbers
of men, who in the ordinary way
would think of time spent away
from the office in the afternoon
as wasted, they must surely have
held a record. And then the
juniors—the number who "popped
round just for a few minutes"
after tiffin and were still to be
observed hanging round the
pavilion gates long after the time
when they should be attending to
their books etc. must have been
glorious, and as for those whose
eyes were overlooked the
"set ground—well, it would
have been to expect too much of
a nature to have imagined
such work would be done by
that morning the early half of this
week. A low that the fray is over,
some such remarks as
"It is with a little work
done now—quite unsetting"
might be heard. But for the
fraternity set line and although
accustomed to a skipper—Mr.
"Dick" Hanke, the able speech at
the dinner the other night, cricket
is essentially a British
lesson to be learned, a
surprised within them
ings of interest of an
which they had, no idea
such as the fellow feeling
makes the whole world kin.

RACING NOTES.

**PRINCE REGENT SPOILS
THE HANDICAP.**

[By Argus.]

In last evening's "China Mail"
appeared the weights allotted by
the handicapper for the race-
meeting to take place at Happy
Valley to-morrow week, under the
auspices of the Hongkong Jockey
Club.

There are, as usual, seven events
on the card of which three are
handicaps. The presence of
Prince Regent in the Kilmarnock
Plate "A" class has deprived it of
all interest as far as the winner is
concerned if Dr. Kew's gelding
runs true to past form. The han-
dicapper has put him in at 10 lb.
over weight for inches which was
to be expected, but, as Hartfield,
Spotted Sand, Rothsay and Kash-
mir are only in receipt of 6 lbs.,
7 lbs., 9 lbs. and 9 lbs. respec-
tively, on the weights allotted and at
weight for inches only actually
benefit to the extent of 4 lbs.,
2 lbs., 6 lbs. and 3 lbs. respec-
tively, the result should be a fore-
gone conclusion.

The inference should not be
drawn that steps should have been
taken to weight Prince Regent out
of it, but as he has shown himself
so vastly superior to any pony here
at a mile, the weights now allotted
are not likely to bring them to-
gether over six furlongs.

As indicated below, a 10 lb.
drop all round, excepting
Prince Regent, would have been
well within reason.

How will be found a compari-
son of the weights over 6 furlongs
in the Stanley Plate, run at last
meeting, and those allotted for
next meeting in the Kilmarnock
Plate.

Stanley Plate 6 F.	Kilmarnock Plate 6 F.
Silver Spear 165 (3)	165
Magnificent D. 165 (2)	165
Lock Ramoth 157	148
Hartfield 162 (1)	160
Fataai 154 (4)	145
Irrepressible 163	144
1 length; short head;	
2 lengths	
Prince Regent 168	
Spotted Sand 161	
Rothsay 169	
Kashmir 169	
Fernleaf 167	
Gold Leaf 166	
Clover Club 166	
Roman Parrot 164	
Valiant Dahlia 162	
Rivergrass 161	
Rialto Star 160	
Pencastle 160	
Koh-I-Noor 160	
Strathfarrar 148	
Zenda 146	

The weights under "corrected"
signify what each pony that started
in the Stanley Plate last meeting
should carry when all weights are
reduced 9 lbs. (i.e. from 165—156
et. seq.) It will thus be seen that
Hartfield is penalised 7 lbs. for his
one length victory which will prob-
ably work out correctly as regards
Silver Spear and Magnificent
Dahlia, which are the only two to
give us a direct line for argument.
The presence of Prince Regent,
however, considerably complicates
matters.

We have seen him carry 161 lbs.
in the last Aggregate Stakes, cover
6 furlongs in 1.32.3/6 and finish
the mile in 2.06.1/6, five lengths
ahead of Spotted Sand (164 lbs.),
seven lengths ahead of Rothsay
(154 lbs.) and eight lengths in front
of Fernleaf (154 lbs.) Prince
Regent (168 lbs.) is given 10 lbs.
over weight for inches. Spotted
Sand 6 lbs., Hartfield 8 lbs.,
Rothsay 4 lbs., Kashmir 7 lbs.

Thus Prince Regent on the basis
of W. I. is only conceding 4 lbs.,
9 lbs., 6 lbs. and 3 lbs. respec-
tively, to Spotted Sand, Hartfield,
Rothsay and Kashmir. I am
doubtful whether it would have
been possible to bring them to-
gether with top-weight only 10 lbs.
over weight for inches. The point
is that Prince Regent, when
weights are analysed on the W. I.
basis is chucked into the handicap.
If he can reproduce his past time
—he must win as none of his op-
ponents are likely to approach it
with more than W.I. in the saddle,
while the other competitors do not
call for consideration. Mr. Dow-
biggin would have been fully jus-
tified in keeping Prince Regent at
168 lbs. and dropping all the others
10 lbs. He could not then have
been accused of having weighted
Prince Regent out of it—which
raising his impost might have en-
tailed—but he would have demon-
strated that he was going as far as
possible to give something a chance
of making the Prince extend him-
self. If the Prince is started I
anticipate another procession, just
as soon as Mr. Gibson calls on his
mount to extend himself. It is to
be hoped that some of the crack
China ponies will be sent for this
race, but I consider it very desir-
able in view of the Troon Handi-
cap, which follows and in which
the name of Prince Regent does
not appear.

MOSQUITO ARMADA.

**YUNNANESE FLOTILLA AT
WHAMPOA.**

UNREST IN CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, November 20.
Dubbed the "Yunnanese Mos-
quito Armada," a fleet of almost
200 small native craft has, it is
reported, been assembled at
Whampoa.

Current rumours point to
General Fan Shek-sang, com-
manding the 2nd Yunnanese
Army in Kwangtung, as having
ordered the boats to be "assem-
bled" for urgent military trans-
port. Accordingly, it was inferred
that he was going to move his
troops away from Canton and its
environs, but as the lighters and
junks have now been idle for days
and are each in charge of three or
four guards, conjecture has
proved to be premature.

Living on rumours, people in
Canton have heard that General
Li Fook-lam, commanding the
Cantonese garrison, on Honam
Island (which faces Canton city
from across the river), has had a
scrap with the Merchants' Volun-
teers and Village Guards in the
vicinity of Shuntak.

Li's Men Defeated.

Marching under strict orders to
disarm the volunteers in that dis-
trict, about 500 of Li's men are
said to have been worsted and
instead of returning with the
booty, had to leave their arms and
ammunition behind.

After dark every night, the
Bund is comparatively quiet. The
Yunnanese have special patrols
out and there is no telling what
may happen. That people are not
going about is evident from the
plight of the *Fantam Monopolist*,
a patron of General Fan, who is
faced with the necessity of
ceasing to contribute to the
Yunnanese war chest as his
patrons, in turn, although the
Chinese are reputed to be born
gamblers—are few and by no
means wealthy.

In the Troon Handicap (one
mile) the handicapper has not had
any Prince Regent problem to
deal with and the following com-
parison is of interest:

Troon Handicap 1 Mile.	Shek-O Handi- cap 1 Mile.
Spotted Sand 165	165
Rothsay 168	163
Hartfield 162	166
Kashmir 161	164
Goldleaf 159	169
Fernleaf 159	
Valiant Dahlia 167	167
Roman Parrot 166	166
Silver Spear 166	164
Clover Club 166	
Satisfaction Dahlia 165	
Magnificent D. 164	164
Pencastle 163	162
Koh-I-Noor 162	163
Zenda 162	162
Rialto Star 161	167
Gaudie 149	149
Longsat 149	
Hailsham 149	
Loch Rannoch 148	
Duke of Frisco 148	
Starland 147	
King Johnnie 146	
Day of Surprise 145	
Fataai 142	
Manchurian Prince 140	

The result of the Shek-O Handi-
cap was a dead-heat between
Hartfield and Kashmir, with
Rivergrass a neck behind and
Roman Parrot fourth 2 lengths
away. The other runners were
Nastanu (dead), Pencastle and
Strathfarrar.
It is difficult to see why the dead-
heaters of the Shek-O Handicap
are now considered 7 lbs. better as
compared with Spotted Sand,
Rothsay and Goldleaf. Presum-
ably the handicapper considers he
let both Kashmir and Hartfield in
too lightly last meeting. Pencastle
meets Roman Parrot on 1 lb.
worse terms. This, however, is a
small matter and I fancy the
handicapper's revised estimate of
the merits of Hartfield and Kash-
mir is a *vis-à-vis* Spotted Sand and
Rothsay is very near the mark.
At the distance and with the going
hard I shall expect Kashmir to go
very close to winning.

The weights in the Kilmarnock
Handicap "B" class, call for little
comment at the moment.
Owner are reminded that con-
ditions for the seventh event of
Saturday week, the Autumn Cham-
pions, have been altered. Post en-
tries will now be accepted.
During the course of next week
I hope to find time to go more
thoroughly into the prospects for
Saturday week. At the moment
the plans of owners and trainers
are unsettled.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL DECISION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I would like to inquire through the columns of your paper whether there is any truth in the report that it is proposed to draw up a petition for submission to the Government, urging that it is contrary to the public interest that a foreign (so as to avoid equivocation, "Rockefeller") donation (of Gold \$500,000) should be accepted for the Medical School of the University of Hongkong, an institution which is under the financial control of the Government of this British Colony; that the petitioners pray that steps may be taken to forestall the possibility of this British Colony of Hongkong being at any time placed (as is the Colony of Ceylon at present) under the administration of an official connected with a "sectional religious organization" other than that "by law established," as the administration of such an official must prejudice this British Colony in the eyes of many of the subjects of His Majesty; and that the Tsim-sha-tui House-to-House Hawking Society, who are responsible for the petition, desire to prevail upon the Government to use its influence towards the refusal of the donation and the preservation of this British Colony from the dire consequences of such an appointment.

Yours etc.,
J. P. BRAGA,
Hongkong, November 20.

HONGKONG'S UNIVERSITY.

A WHY THE STRIKE WAS DROPPED.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I have read with great interest the news that appeared in your columns under the heading "University Trouble." "Truth," "B.M.T." and others in their enthusiasm to run down the cause of the students, have overlooked the real point at issue. The enforcement of discipline, Sir, has little or nothing to do with the present trouble; and for this reason "Truth" in trying to condemn certain of his fellow-students, is not only giving a misrepresentation of facts but also washing dirty linen in public. As an impartial observer I voice the opinions of neither party. But I do greatly admire the spirit of self-sacrifice and courage of those leaders who fight for the righteous cause with everything to lose and nothing to gain. These are the persons who are worthy of the offices they hold and the trust placed upon them by the students.

The strike was called off, not because of those few students who, after giving their word of honour, had refused to face the music. It was due to the intervention of a prominent Chinese gentleman who is a member of one of the highest Councils in this Colony. It was he who appealed to the students not to act rashly but to take the right course in appealing to the Council and waiting for its decision. It is true the strike is definitely squashed; but the honour of having done so belongs to one single person.

We do not wish to win public sympathy in giving out the full facts of the case. But what is at the root of all these troubles? So far back as September 17, 1924, the residents of a particular hotel have been making complaints to the Authorities about what they claim to be the unfair punishment imposed by their Warden. The students have laid their complaints before the Authorities and yet no step has been taken to remedy matters.

The above facts serve but as an introduction to the true cause of the trouble which is gaining the attention of the Council. It is not for me to lay out the case; let some one who is more concerned do that. I can only say that to us, sitting in our rooms and with anxious hearts awaiting the decision of the Council, the newspaper accounts of the recent trouble were so amazing, by misrepresentation and exaggeration, that they entirely make us forget our impartiality and our indifference. Not content with their bitter and yet unnecessary criticisms, certain correspondents have gone so far as to indulge in personal abuse. They claim themselves as gentlemen and we are glad that there are so very few of them in this seat of learning.

Yours etc.,
"MOM TAYN."

Hongkong, November 21.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AUDIENCE ENJOYS TALE OF MUTINY.

Thrills of the most intense description were the order of the day yesterday when the new Metro special production, "The Mutiny of the Elsinore," with an all-star cast, was the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre. The picture is scheduled to remain at the Queen's for five days and during this time opportunity will be open for all, who care to be thrilled, to take in the production, and test its quality for making the chills creep up and down the spinal column.

"The Mutiny of the Elsinore" enjoys the distinction of being one of the most intense and gripping photodramas of the season. It is the picturization of the late Jack London's novel of the same name, and it possesses all of that master writer's genius for portraying the conflict of strong men in the far, rough places of the earth, where the only law in existence is the law of the fist and gun.

The story concerns John Pike, the first mate of the sailing ship, the "Elsinore," who has signed up a motley crew of thugs and gunmen from the water front dives of Frisco, and who once at sea finds himself pitted against these hostile forces for the mastery of the vessel.

CHARLIE'S RETURN.

CORONET THEATRE ATTRACTION.

The next change at the little House which shows the big pictures, is a trio of films in which the great little man figures. These are "Easy Street," "The Count," and "The Immigrant"; enough in all conscience to show Chaplin in all the diversity of his great art. Age does not wither, nor custom stale it; of that there is no shadow of doubt, no possible, probable, shadow of doubt; and the crowds that will throng the Coronet on Saturday, and do so until the short season ends, will prove this reasonable contention. It would be impossible to describe the "stories" wrapped up in the titles mentioned. Chaplin demonstrates in his own way the easiness of "Easy Street"; the possibilities in becoming a Count—even of no account, or of account rendered; and the pathos of the life of an immigrant, to say nothing of a migrant who gets into all sorts of possible and impossible escapades. The Coronet has a happy knack of mixing up its programmes; we have had thrilling drama; historical pageantry; now we come down to rock bottom comedy of the highest possible order. The brief season of Chaplin commences on Saturday.

STAR'S BIG FILM.

BETTER THAN "ENEMIES OF WOMEN."

Such is the claim made in respect of the picture now being shown at the Star Theatre. "Enemies of Women" attracted its thousands; "Little Old New York" should be equally persuasive in its appeal to those who are moved by gorgeous settings and thrills of a distinctly high order. The claim is often made with regard to other pictures—and more often than not substantiated. The claim will be proved to the hilt in this story of the great continent when it was young—bursting into the beginning of its since glorious life which has meant so much to the world at large. Marion Davies is the bright particular star, acting with a grace and aplomb that is irresistible and being supported by a cast that has not a weak member in it. If "Enemies" entertained you, "Little Old New York" will do the same. If you discussed "Enemies," you will do the same with "L.O.N.Y." Test it.

CORRECTION.

In the report in the "China Mail," last night, in which under the caption "Social Amenities," it was made to appear that Mrs. Grimmett took out the original summons; the details were incorrect. The actual facts are:—Mrs. B. Stanton, living at No. 157 Wanchai Road, summoned her next-door neighbour, Mrs. Grimmett, for assault and offering abusive language at 1 p.m. on the 21st instant.

A cross summons was taken out by Mrs. Grimmett, who also summoned another neighbour, Mrs. Fowler, on the same counts.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

(By Dutchie)

The following is the programme for to-morrow:

SECOND DIVISION.

Drums v. China "B" Sookumpoo ground.

University v. China "A" Chinese ground.

Kowloon v. Club de Recreo "B" Kowloon ground.

St. Joseph's "A" v. St. Joseph's "B" St. Joseph's ground.

Kick off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

Sacred Heart v. Surrey, Club Ground.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

SENIOR GAME.

Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final.

Civilians v. Chinese Club ground.

Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

In the Second Division games it will be noted that the Club v. Club de Recreo "A" game has been postponed, as the latter team have players engaged in the Cup semi-final.

The Drums should secure a win against the China "B" team and their opposite number, the Regimental Reserves should maintain their unbeaten record. It will be noticed that the latter game starts fifteen minutes earlier than the other, to enable the senior game to start punctually at 4 p.m.

The University—China "A" game will be a close affair and the finish will probably see a division of points. The Recreo "B" team meet the Kowloon Reserves and the latter are expected to win, whilst the College "A" team will no doubt take things easy against their weaker brethren.

When the Second Division games are finished or probably long before, the crowd will be wending their way towards the Club ground to see teams representing the Civilians meet the Chinese in the first semi-final of the "Lai Wah" Cup.

This Cup was generously given by the Chinese Company of that name for competition amongst representative teams of the Colony. The Chinese will start very hot favourites, but I do not think they will have matters all their own way, for the Civilian team will turn out stronger than its appearance on paper suggests.

The game will start at 4 p.m. sharp and should the scores be equal at the call of time, an extra ten minutes each way will be played.

The following will represent the Civilians' team:—Clarke (Police) Wheeler (Kowloon) Bishop (Club) McKelvie (Kowloon) Stewart (Club) Captain and Duncan (Kowloon): Britton (Police) Howard, Jones (Club) and Rocha and Brown (Club de Recreo) Reserves:—Wynn, Gosano, Forsyth, Johnson and Simpson.

The Chinese will play the following:—Lau Hing-cheung, Lee Yuk-tai, and Chan So, Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wai and Lam Yuk-tung: Fang Kam-wing, Suen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-cheung, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ku. Reserve:—Ng Kam-chuen.

It will be seen that the Chinese will depend on the team that is doing so well in the Senior Division, although after his accident of Wednesday, against the "B" team it is doubtful if Chan So will be fit to play.

Playing on Wednesday evening on the Valley ground in their First Division game of October 4, which could not be then played owing to the weather, China "A" defeated China "B"; by six goals to one. Neither were at full strength, the "A"s only playing 9 men some of whom did not belong to the Senior Division, whilst the "B"s managed to field ten men after the interval. The game was not taken seriously in fact it had the appearance of a practice team out, certainly not a credit to League Football.

I am informed that as a result of the Charity match played on Armistice Day, the sum of \$573.10 has been handed over to the "Poppy Day Fund."

Following are the League tables to date:—

FIRST DIVISION.

Team. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

China "A" 5 1 0 17 2 11

Surrey 5 4 0 13 3 8

R. A. 7 4 0 3 12 10 8

Kowloon 5 3 0 2 16 5 6

Club 6 3 0 3 13 8 6

Police 8 2 2 4 7 13 6

Tamar 6 2 1 3 6 6 5

China "B" 6 0 0 6 3 14 0

BOXING.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PLANS FOR DECEMBER.

CHRISTMAS EVE SHOW.

Mr. J. Brook, manager of the Hongkong Boxing Association, had some interesting information to impart this morning with regard to the Association's plans.

He stated that it had been definitely decided to hold the next tournament on Christmas Eve, December 24, at the Theatre Royal. Cartledge and Smith are to meet again under similar conditions, the purse being \$1,000 (split 700 and 300), the Light-Weight Championship of the Colony and the Association's Belt being additional incentives.

Smith has again placed himself in the hands of Staff-Sergeant Hunt, at the military detention barracks, while Cartledge will do his work at the Kowloon British School under his former mentor, with P. O. Young presumably as sparring partner.

With regard to the minor bouts, nothing has yet been arranged. Mr. Brook, however, would be glad if those keen to appear in the ring would communicate with him, c/o Vacuum Oil Co., giving particulars of weight and record.

Knute Hansen Leaves.

Asked as to the plans of Knute Hansen, the heavy-weight, Mr. Brook said that he had sailed for Europe, where he hopes to obtain a fight with Carpenter and Bloomfield. Asked how it was such a top-notch fight was out here, Mr. Brook replied that there was no doubt Knute Hansen was in the first flight. The reason he had left the United States was that he was only 20 years old, which barred him from engaging in a contest for more than 6 rounds. En route, Knute Hansen hopes to stop over at Colombo, where he will seek a match with P. O. Spiller, the heavy-weight champion of the British Army and Navy.

INTIMIDATION.

ALLEGED-ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL.

BUS DRIVER MENACED.

Two Sanitary Board coolies were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with intimidating Li Tin-wo, a licensed bus driver, with intent to do an act which he was not legally bound to do.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster, prosecuting, said that an old man slightly injured himself in alighting from complainant's bus while it was in motion in Nathan Road on November 4. The bus servants had the injuries attended to and nothing more was heard of the man. On November 12, said Mr. Webster, the two defendants met the complainant and told him that the old man was dangerously ill in hospital as a result of the injuries and that some compensation should be paid him. A threat was made that if the complainant failed to meet the defendants at a tea-house that evening and arrange the matter, he would not be in a position to drive the bus the next day. The complainant reported the matter to the police, and the defendants were arrested at the appointed place.

Complainant corroborated Mr. Webster's opening statement, and said that the first defendant stated at the tea-house that he was not related to the old man but was acting on behalf of a club of which he was a member.

Mr. N. I. Brewer, defending, submitted that the defendants acted in good faith on behalf of the old man.

The case was adjourned, His Worship remarking that Mr. Brewer would have to prove his statement that the defendants had authority from the old man to act for him.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Langkats 13 Buyers.
Ewos 11.40 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 08 Buyers.
New Engineering 6.75 Buyers.
Orientals 3.75 Buyers.
Shanghai Cotton 55 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning.

SECOND DIVISION.

Team. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Surrey 5 6 0 0 16 3 12
Recreo "A" 5 5 0 1 31 2 10
St. Joseph's "A" 7 4 0 3 11 9 8
China "A" 6 3 1 2 13 9 7
Kowloon 6 3 0 3 10 13 6
China "B" 7 2 2 3 4 12 6
University 6 2 1 3 7 10 5
Drums 6 2 1 3 9 10 5
St. Joseph's "B" 5 1 3 2 5 11 5
Club 7 2 1 4 2 13 5
Sacred Heart 7 1 2 4 6 20 4
Recreo "B" 7 1 1 4 11 12 3

GUNNERS IN TROUBLE!

FOUR MEN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Gunners H. Leeman, G. Lockwood, W. Caton and J. Kenting, of the R.G.A., Lyemun Barracks, were charged at the Central Magistracy, this morning, before Mr. N. L. Smith, with assaulting Li Kwan, an amah, and Cheung Yee, mistress of a brothel in Shan-kiwan East, at the Hop Sing Tong brothel house. The complainants are alleged to have been struck with a cane. All four defendants are also charged with maliciously damaging a porcelain basin, five earthenware bowls and a kerosene lamp, valued at a total sum of \$2.40.

CASE ADJOURNED. The defendants pleaded not guilty to both charges, and the case was adjourned until next Monday for the appearance of the complainants, who are said to be still suffering from the effects of the assault.

CHINESE KILLED.

MOTOR TRUCK ALLEGED CAUSE OF DEATH.

A Chinese, named Tung Koo, was knocked over by motor truck No. 577 at Des Voeux Road yesterday, and removed to the Tung Wah Hospital. The injuries being of a serious nature, the man was later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died at 5.30 p.m.

CHINA.

POWERS TO DEMAND GUARANTEES?

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, November 20. Referring to possible discussions in Peking in which the Powers are agreed regarding the guarantees to be demanded from the new Chinese Cabinet, "Le Journal" maintains that France requires that French rights in the Chinese Eastern Railway shall be respected, also an undertaking that the Boxer Indemnity shall be payable in gold francs. It asserts that Britain and the United States consider it of first importance to obtain Japan's agreement to liberty of action in any eventual negotiations between the Powers and China.

LATER. Reuter understands that hitherto the projected concerted action by the Powers in connection with conditions in China has been found inopportune. Nothing is known in London of any fresh proposals or joint negotiations.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

November 21.—Coronet Theatre; "Signal Tower."
November 21.—Star Theatre; "Little Old New York."
November 21.—World Theatre; "Broadway After Dark."
November 21.—Queen's Theatre; "The Mutiny of the Elsinore."
November 21.—Cinematograph display at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

SOCIAL.

November 25.—Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, practice dance at the City Hall.
December 19.—Children's Xmas Party, at Helena May Institute, 4 p.m.

SPORTS.

November 23.—R.H.Y.C. sailing match against Royal Navy.
November 29.—Hongkong Jockey Club's seventh extra race meeting.
December 21.—St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies' Golf match.
LAND SALE.
November 24.—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
November 25.—Laromet Bros., at Sales Room, Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.
November 27.—Laromet Bros., at H.K. & K.W. and Godown Co. Ltd., West Point, antimony ore, 11 a.m.

November 28.—Laromet Bros., at Godown No. 18, H.K. & K.W. Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 10.30 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

November 24.—Half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, in the Jockey Club room, Hongkong Club, 6.30 p.m.
December 28.—General meeting of shareholders of the Reel Syndicate, Ltd., Prince's Building, Chater Road, noon.

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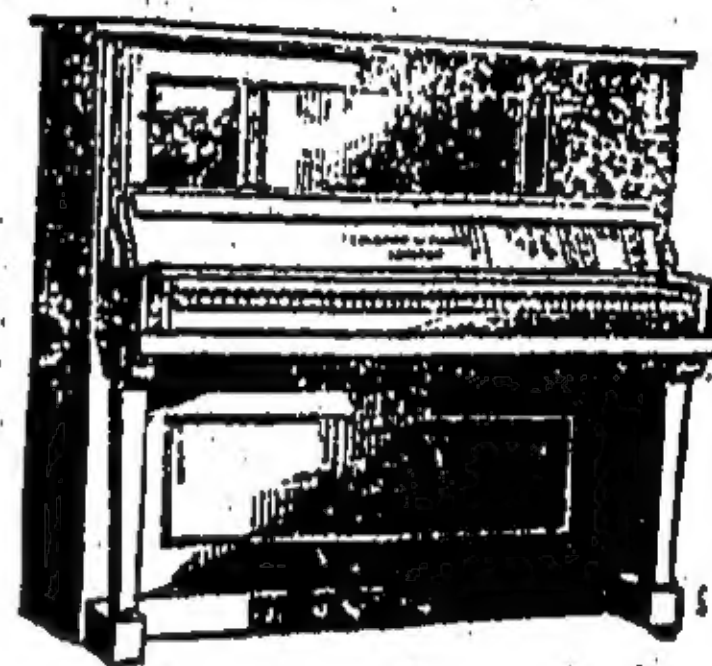
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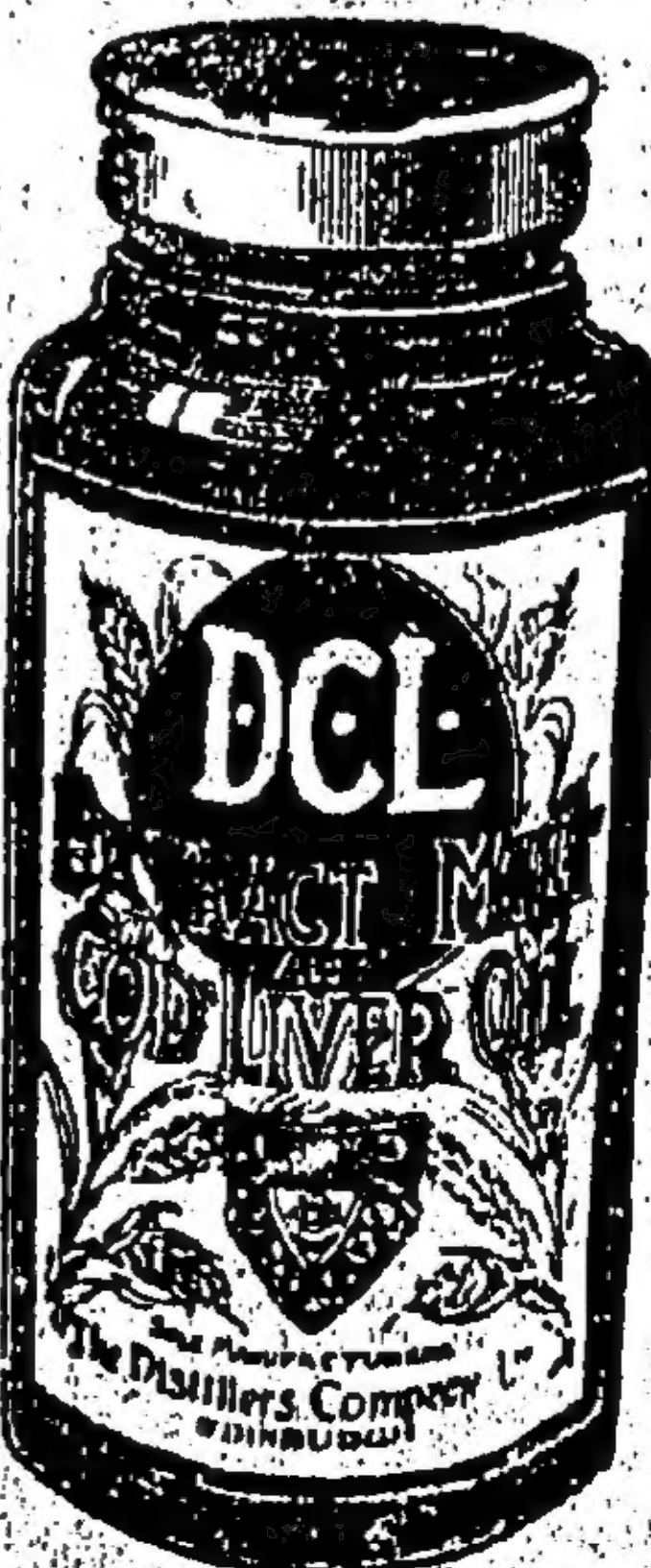
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JOURNALIST'S MEMOIRS.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD
AS LEADER WRITER.

A STOLEN TELEGRAM.

I rather think, writes a reviewer in the "Daily Graphic," that the main effect of Mr. Lincoln Springfield's brilliant memoirs, "Some Piquant People" (Fisher Unwin, 15s.), will be to induce young men in their thousands to become journalists.

Lady Tree, as he tells us, once described the press as a fantastic mongrel, half-octopus, with a consummate brain, an uncertain temper, and a magnificent heart, living principally in Fleet-st., and never going to bed.

It is the angelic, magnanimous side that shines out in these reminiscences.

Mr. Springfield began early. At fifteen on a salary of twelve shillings a week, together with E. V. Lucas, he was doing two or three columns a day on the reporting staff of the "Sussex Daily News," living with his grandfather, who kept a millinery shop in which Margaret Bondfield, the first woman Front Bench, was a pretty fifteen-year-old assistant.

At the age of twenty he was promoted to the staff of the "Echo" at three guineas a week, and lived in Love's Hotel, where the daughter of the house was Mabel Love, then aged twelve. On this salary he not only married but kept his elder brother.

Within a year he was earning four guineas on the "Star," and giving young Mr. Asquith, the barrister, useful tips about investments.

THE BACCARAT SCANDAL.
When the "Daily Mail" was founded he became its first news editor for four years at a salary of ten guineas a week, and was afterwards Press agent to the Imperial Tobacco Company at £1,000 a year.

When he took over the editorship of "London Opinion" the circulation was 30,000 and it was losing £300 a week. He raised it by introducing the limerick competition, to a circulation of 160,000, and by 1913 its profits were £10,000 a year.

But interesting and meteoric as his own career has been, the interest of it lies mainly in the number of extraordinarily interesting people whom he has met and the curious cases which he has called upon to report.

From the start he appears to have had a penchant for crime stories. He was the first to get the news of the murder of Mr. Gold in the Clayton Tunnel, near Brighton. This occurred when he was only seventeen. When he was on the "Star" he had to report the famous Trambly Croft baccarat scandal, in which the then Prince of Wales had to give evidence.

Sir William Gordon-Cumming had been accused of cheating at cards and had signed an undertaking not to play cards again if the world were kept ignorant of the accusation. The affair somehow leaked out, and he had to sue Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, for slander. In spite of the fact that the defendants won their case, Sir William's fiancée married him on the day following the verdict.

FAMOUS JOURNALISTS.
Mr. Springfield was also present at the Great Spink Pearl case, which is supposed to have been the inspiration for "Mrs. Danvers' Defence" and "Loyalties." In this trial things were looking very black for Major Hargreave, the husband of the owner of the pearl necklace, when "Owen Hall," the uncle of Mr. Gilbert Frankau, brought a letter to the "Star" which made certain the fact that the thief was a cousin of Mrs. Hargreave.

The most fascinating murder case in which Mr. Springfield was concerned was the Ardnamont case, in which the tutor, Monson, was charged with murdering his pupil, Cecil Hamborough. He escaped on this occasion on a verdict of "Not Proven," but got five years' penal servitude later for blackmail.

Mr. Springfield seems to have had among his colleagues nearly all the famous men of the day.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was a leader-writer on the "Star" in his time, and Mr. Gordon Hewart, now Lord Chief Justice, is described as "the youngest man on the editorial staff, by years, and very cherubic in appearance."

terribly learned, with Oxford honours thick upon him.

Our haunts did not appeal to him, our more careless talk, and our Bohemian outlook on life, rather awed him.

Bernard Shaw was writing musical notices over the signature "Corno di Bassotto." One night he was so pleased with the wonderful phrasing of Vincent at the Alhambra that on his arrival in Fitzroy-sq., he tried to go round the circular railings after the manner of Vincent.

ROXOR

SURPRISE CEREMONY.

PRINCESS MARY'S BABY
CHRISTENED.

London, October 11.—The christening of the second son of Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles, which took place behind locked doors on Saturday, October 4, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in the little Yorkshire village of Goldborough, came as a great surprise even to the villagers.

It had been generally understood that the ceremony would be performed on Sunday, October 5. On Saturday afternoon the village was almost deserted.

Just before half-past two the rector, the Rev. A. Hastings Kelk, walked across to the church from the vicarage, and a moment afterwards he was followed by his wife, his sister, and his son.

Immediately they had entered the church the doors were locked from within, and the police constable in charge of the village cleared everyone out of the churchyard, saying that the gates would be locked.

A few minutes later the private entrance to the churchyard from the Hall was opened by a manservant, and Lord Lascelles, accompanied by his mother, the Countess of Harewood, and followed by a nurse with Hubert Lascelles, walked into the church.

They were followed by the Princess, with whom was the Hon. Mrs. Edward Lascelles, the Earl of Harewood, and the Hon. Edward Lascelles, brother of Lord Lascelles, and a nurse carrying the baby, who was wearing a long, flowing christening robe of white lace.

When they had entered the church the door was locked.

The baby was named Gerald David. Gerald is one of the family names of the Earl of Harewood, and David is the name of the Prince of Wales, who stood sponsor by proxy. The Hon. Edward Lascelles was the only sponsor present. The Earl of Harewood represented the Prince, and the Countess of Harewood, and the Duchess of Northumberland, for whom the Hon. Mrs. Edward Lascelles stood proxy.

THE BABY'S CRIES.
The rector subsequently told a "Daily Mail" representative that the simplest form of christening service was used. There was no music, and throughout the ceremony the baby was perfectly good.

"He cried only after it was all over. And," added Mr. Kelk, "that was as it should be, for the baby's cries were traditionally supposed to signify that the evil spirit had departed."

Questioned as to the closing of the church, Mr. Kelk said that this was done by his orders and he would accept full responsibility for his action.

At his fourteenth fall he was picked up by a policeman, upon whom he prevailed to imitate him. A passing inspector was also induced to try, and they went on trying until they were pined by an early postman and the milkman, who broke his leg, and had to be carried to the hospital by the others—"according to Shaw."

In those days, apparently, reporters all wore top-hats and spent their spare time in throwing cards into them from a distance of fifteen yards. The top-hat, so Mr. Springfield tells us, was killed by Lord Ronald Gower.

Mr. Springfield has praise for a good many of his colleagues, but he reserves his highest encomiums for G. W. Stevens, the sky young Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, whose death at the age of thirty-one at Ladysmith was a tremendous loss to the world of letters, "like a beautiful cigar smoked in a high wind." Stevens was hailed by Kitchener as the finest war correspondent he had ever met, and by W. E. Henley as one of the finest descriptive writers in the language.

A KAISER TELEGRAM.
Colonel Arthur Lynch was the star reporter of the "Daily Mail" at that period, and is described by Mr. Springfield as "talking six languages, possessing seven University degrees, following eight occupations, and on the occasion when he lay under sentence, being entertained by his warder with nine stories of bungled executions."

One of the most extraordinary stories in this entertaining book concerns the sending of a telegram by the Kaiser to Lord Lansdale, complaining that the Prince of Wales had swindled him out of a yacht race.

A telegraphist from the G. P. O. brought a duplicate of the telegram to Mr. Springfield, when he was news editor of the "Daily Mail," and he was sorely tempted to use it, but "one couldn't accept stolen goods—the purloining of a telegram was in a category no different from the theft of a bank-note."

He sent the telegraphist about his business, and there wasn't a line about the incident in any paper.

But this is the kind of book from which it is easy to quote and difficult to resist quoting. It is not only about piquant people, but it is itself as piquant a volume of reminiscences as I can remember.

LUGGAGE THIEVES.

SOME AMAZING HAULS
MADE.

London, October 5.—Huge stores of luggage stolen from railway stations in London and all over the country have been discovered by the police during the past few days.

Detectives had obtained possession of a large number of cloak-room tickets. They hope to recover still more goods belonging to robbed travellers.

The discoveries have been made as far north as Newcastle, and at many Midland towns, as well as in London, all in railway and hotel luggage depositories.

For over a year the railway police on all the main lines have been mystified by frequent thefts of valuable luggage. Bags and cases disappeared so quickly after being placed on the platform that they seemed to have vanished into air.

When, recently, a train arrived at Manchester, a porter, who had removed a large and heavy trunk from the van, left it on the platform while he hailed a taxi-car. On his return, less than a minute later, the trunk had disappeared.

Although the owner and the police searched the station and all the departing taxis and motor-cars it was not found.

The police now know how the disappearing trunk was done. The trunk had been placed on a train just about to depart from the platform, and the luggage thieves, who watched the porter out of sight.

By the time the loss was discovered the trunk was on its way to Sheffield.

Once on board a train, the thieves would decide where to alight, and would pay their fares to an inspector on the train, or at their destination. The stolen luggage they would rifle on their way, leaving the trunk or case at the cloak-room of the station at which they left the train.

So busy and successful were the thieves that very often they had no time to go through the stolen luggage, but would merely leave it at an hotel or station.

Much of the luggage now recovered by the police was, therefore, found untouched.

In connection with a suspected luggage thief, a man was arrested yesterday at Yarnmouth. He declared he was a knight, and warmly resented being questioned and detained.

WINTER FURS.
WILL THE MUFF RETURN?

One of the questions which are just now agitating the world of fashion is whether the winter fur outfit should include a muff. It is many seasons since muffs have been seen, and although there have been several attempts to revive its one-time popularity, it has entirely disappeared from the fashionable woman's wardrobe.

Discussion of the question of a revival has ensued recently following the showing of one or two sample muffs at the London Fashions Exhibition. But it must be admitted that these new muffs were received very frigidly—in fact, no one seemed to want to give them the glad hand.

However, the reappearance of the muff is being discussed, and some authorities profess themselves satisfied that the fashion will return. One is not inclined to treat these prophets seriously for the reason that modern woman insists on simplification, and how can one get simplification by carrying a muff? On the contrary, a muff distinctly complicates matters, even when a muff chain or cord holds the muff when the hands are otherwise engaged than in fondling its lining.

So long as coats with fur collars and cuffs remain popular it is unlikely that muffs will be wanted, and there is no sign of change at present.

OPEN-AIR GIRL.
It is so much simpler to have one garment which combines the virtues of protection for most parts of the body, and this the fashionable coats do. Then, of course, the vogue of the fur coat is partly responsible for the muff being in disgrace, while fur gloves and fur-trimmed gloves are now so generally worn that further protection is unnecessary. Add to this the fact that the modern girl is an open-air and sports-loving girl who does not feel cold as did her grandmother, and one sees at once that the muff has small chance of again becoming popular in this generation at least.

In regard to fur coats, there is a strong tendency towards browns in various shades, and in this connection one notes that there are several new kinds of fur. Combinations of two or more furs are also favoured. A feature of the new season's models is the number of coats that are fur-lined. In fact, more attention is often paid nowadays to the inside of the coat than to the outside.

Whether or not, as is being contemplated, Lyme Regis parts with the fifteenth century tapestry in its church, there is one work of art with which it can never be dissociated.—"Persuasion" is its chief monument (points out the "Morning Post.") Miss Austen, with her family, spent some weeks of autumn in the town. In a house still standing near the Cobb, when she was 28, and twelve years later she settled the Harvilles there, and so immortalised it. "Take me to the Cobb and show me the steps from which Louisa Musgrove fell," was Tennyson's demand of Francis Palgrave when he visited him in Lyme Regis.

Sir Landon Ronald.
Sir Landon Ronald is one of our most brilliant chief conductors. But he is probably at his greatest as an accompanist, and no one can really know what accompanying means till they have heard Sir Landon at the piano (remarks the "Morning Post.") The chances of this nowadays are few. Once or twice last year at his Albert Hall Promenades he played the accompaniments to his own songs. In a perfect musical world Sir Landon Ronald would be provided with a grand piano and a very of fingers.

SMOKING PRINCESS.

INCIDENT AT EMBASSY
DINNER.

AWE OF KITCHENER

London, September 24.—Glimpses of the lighter side of our diplomacy abroad are reflected very entertainingly in "Divisions of a Diplomat," by Mr. Frank Rattigan, just published (Chapman and Hall, 16s.).

On August 4, 1914, Mr. Rattigan, with the rest of the staff, was at dinner with our Ambassador in Berlin when the German mob smashed the Embassy windows.

I picked up the first stone—or rather rock—thrown, and have kept it as a paper-weight. It was the first German missile against England in the war!

On the way home across the North Sea, Sir Edward Goschen told us how his German servants had behaved. As soon as they were paid off they threw their English liveries on the floor, stamped and spat on them, and refused to do another stroke of work.

Earlier in 1914, when the Crown Prince had returned from a tour of inspection of the fortresses near the French frontier, I asked him if he was satisfied with what he had seen, and he replied, "Perfectly, but that is not the region where the real fight will begin."

He recalls that at the time of his earlier service in Austria, "most of the Viennese great ladies of the older generation—for example, Princess Pauline Metternich, Princess Crozy, and others—smoked large Havana cigars."

I remember at a dinner at the American Embassy hearing Princess Crozy decline a large cigar presented to her by the Ambassador, on the ground that it was not strong enough for her taste! She preferred her own, which were huge and very dark in colour.

MEAL OF A REPTILE.
From the "Legation garden" at Tangier Mr. Rattigan witnessed the frenzied ecstasies of the Afkawa, a fanatical Mohammedan sect, on the occasion of their festival.

I saw a particularly important member of the sect seize a puff snake about three feet long, and as "believe as a man's wrist, which is, I think, one of the most poisonous snakes known to Science. Holding it behind the head, he stuck out his tongue and allowed the snake to fix his fangs in it. He then drew the snake's head into his mouth, bit it off and swallowed it, and then slowly devoured the still writhing body of the reptile.

To my surprise, having completed his horrible meal, the man continued his wild antics without any apparent ill effects.

On his transfer to Cairo, Mr. Rattigan found that "Lord Kitchener was perhaps the hardest worker under whom I have served."

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The appearance of Lord Kitchener would, however, create consternation amongst the native antique dealers. They were filled with such awe of "El Lord," as he was called, that when he asked the price of an object, accompanying the query with a flash of his deep-set eyes, they would forget all their Oriental rules on bargaining and rumble a price equivalent to about one-fourth of what they would obtain from the average tourist. In this way he succeeded in amassing an important and beautiful collection of porcelain, rugs, pictures, and other antiques.

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POISON OF DOLE.

SIR IAN HAMILTON'S STORY.

Glasgow, October 5.—Speaking at Ulverston yesterday evening, General Sir Ian Hamilton said that in Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, and Poland there was not one single disabled soldier fit for any sort of work who was unemployed. Here in England we had 60,000 disabled men unemployed, in addition to the 800,000 able-bodied ex-Service men still in the prime of life.

The English workman who was fit for any sort of work at all did not enjoy his pension or his dole. He was miserable. They of the Legion who watched him, saw the change for the worse creep over him every day as he stood waiting to draw money for doing nothing. Don't let them try and persuade themselves that he did not know the change within himself. The spirit of old England was being poisoned by her dole, not slowly but very quickly.

Sir Ian Hamilton ended his speech with a little story. "Just to let you see and understand," he said, "what jolly good fellows our ex-Service men are, how happy they'd be if only they had work to do, and what a shame it is that so many of them should be down and out."

"Walking back to my boat after an inspection at Gallipoli my eye was caught by a very queer figure. Standing strictly at attention was a young man, stark naked bar the shortest pair of shorts I ever did see. He was burnt black with the sun, and somehow it was comic to see him as correct and rigid as if he was on a general's inspection parade. I returned his salute, saying something at which, I remember all the escort laughed. The incident then passed out of my mind. Well, two or three days ago I received the following effusion:

MEMORIES OF THE PAST.
Dear Sir, do you remember, One day at Suvla Bay, When I stood at attention, As you came on your way? I wore a pair of trousers, Cut far above the knee, My limbs were very sunburnt, The sign—Gallipoli.

"Do you belong to Scotland?" You asked me, and I spoke, "No, Sir, my home's Newcastle." Amongst the miner's smoke, The sun it left the fogs, "Would you like to walk to Newcastle in those tiny togs?"

"Yes, Sir, I'd greatly welcome The Tyneside street again, And would go without my trousers, But hopes are all in vain." You asked if we were happy, I answered you I think; Just said we all were cheery, But longing for a drink.

—Ex-A.B. Jas. Laverick, Royal Naval Division, Edinburgh.

CRICKET.
MR. JOEL'S TEAM IN AFRICA.

MATCH IS ABANDONED.
(Reuter's Service.)

PIETERMARITZBURG, Nov. 20.
The match between Mr. Joel's English cricket team and Natal had to be abandoned as a draw, owing to rain.

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ATTACK ON SIRDAR.

VICTIM IN GRAVE
CONDITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, November 20.
The attack on Sir Sirdar of Egypt, Sir Lee Oliver Stuck, G.B.E., C.M.G., has created a profound impression. Newspaper leaders reflect the deep indignation that is felt and demand not only condign punishment for the assassins, but energetic British action to re-establish respect for Britain in Egypt. The Egyptian Government and Chambers, especially Zaglul, are largely held morally responsible for the crime owing to their anti-British attitude.

CAIRO, November 20.
The Sirdar was not feeling well yesterday morning and only with an effort attended the War Ministry. He had not eaten anything, which in the circumstances was fortunate. Zaglul interviewed the pressmen, deplored the attack which was very astonishing when the country had returned to a state of tranquillity on the withdrawal of his resignation. Zaglul is convinced that criminals would be disturbed by the peace of the country. The Sirdar shows slight improvement but his condition is still very serious.

LATER.
The Sirdar's condition is now very grave. Hemorrhage affecting digestion has set in, causing sickness, but the doctors have not abandoned hope. The next twenty-four hours will probably be decisive.

WILL SURPRISE.
LIVING IN 135 HOUSE ON £9,000 A YEAR.

Mr. James Carr, of Higher Openshaw, Manchester, who had an income of nearly £9,000 a year, but lived in a six-room house in an upper working-class terrace, has left £197,275 gross and net personally amounting to £186,938.

He left the income from £51,600 to his only two relatives and to two friends, made 20 legacies of from £200 to £1,000 to friends and bequeathed to charities £53,000, as well as the reversion of the capital appropriated to the four principal beneficiaries during their lifetime and the residue of the estate.

To his neighbours—working-class folk—who thought him a man of simple tastes, comfortably off, the news of Mr. Carr's wealth came as a surprise. His relatives knew of it, but respected his dislike to having it talked about.

A BACHELOR.
Mr. Carr was a bachelor and retired 25 years ago with a competence made from a Manchester bleaching business. He continued to live in the 135 a week house he had built, together with three others, with the first money he made. He spent extremely little, invested wisely, and let his fortune grow.

Even when his income amounted to several thousands a year he never spent more than £400.

The two remaining relatives are his niece, Miss Hines, of Fairfield, Manchester, to whom he left the income from £18,000 for life, and his grand-nephew, Mr. Stanley Carr, of Trafford Park, who receives the income from £10,000 for life.

Miss Hines told a "Daily Mail" reporter that her uncle was a testotaller and a non-smoker, spent his time pottering about his tiny garden, read a good deal, went to St. Clement's Church, Openshaw, on Sundays, and had a couple of weeks at Blackpool every year. His only indulgence was to hire a taxicab to go into town.

The 20 small legacies are chiefly to old friends as keepsakes but several are to working-class relatives of people he had known when he was poorer.

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STOLEN GIRL RESCUED.



ANGELINA MASIA

Angelina Masia has been rescued from kidnappers after a revolver battle. The young woman was kidnapped by a former sailor, aided by two companions. Her brother gave chase, called a policeman to his aid, and after a running revolver battle, overtook the kidnappers. The three men were held in bail of £2,000 each.

About To Remarry?



PAULINE FREDERICK

According to Broadway gossip, the beautiful Pauline Frederick, film star, is to secure a divorce from Dr. Charles Alton Rathbun, in order that she may marry again.

PRINCESS MARY'S TWO SONS.



PRINCESS MARY & HER TWO SONS

This exclusive picture of Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles), only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, is the first for which she has posed with her two sons, George Hubert Lascelles and Gerald David Lascelles.



Mrs. Felix Doubleday, one of the leaders of New York's younger social set, has secured a Paris divorce. Doubleday, it is reported, is soon to marry a wealthy German woman.

GREAT SARAZEN DEFEATS FRENCH WONDER HORSE.



SARAZEN DEFEATS EPINARD

Above is shown the finish of the third international race, in which Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt's marvellous gelding, Sarazen, defeated Epinard, the French wonder horse, at a mile and a quarter. Mad Play was third. The race was worth \$15,000 to the winner.



THOMAS W. LAMONT

Thomas W. Lamont, one of the senior partners of J. P. Morgan & Co., has returned to New York after directing the flotation of \$40,000,000 international loan to Germany under the terms of the Dawes Reparations Plan.

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The X-ray, hitherto used almost exclusively for medical purposes will now be put to practical use by builders, plumbers and artisans generally. A new device weighs only 20 pounds and is connected to the nearest available electric light socket. Then, with the fluoroscope, builders and plumbers can look through walls to locate broken pipes and wires and the like. The upper photograph shows a mechanic looking through a wall, and the lower shows a photographic reproduction of a water pipe with nails driven all around it.

"Buffalo Bill's" Niece.



MISS CODY ALLEN

Miss Cody Allen, grand niece of the late Buffalo Bill, attended the National Horse Show at the Squadron Armoury in New York City.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



ALPHONSE GABRIEL MOUROU

The French Pardon Commission has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Alphonse Gabriel Mourou, ordered to be guillotined in Paris for participation in a robbery. Joseph Caillaux, former Premier, banished from Paris for trading with the enemy in the war, has been pardoned. Catherine Tonerella, urged the court to annul her marriage to Patsy Tonerella, alleging he had threatened to kill her if she did not marry him. Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, is under arrest on the charge of burning with matches the hand of her step daughter, aged nine, for taking five cents with which to buy candy.

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A THOUSAND AWAY
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I MUST WIN AS I
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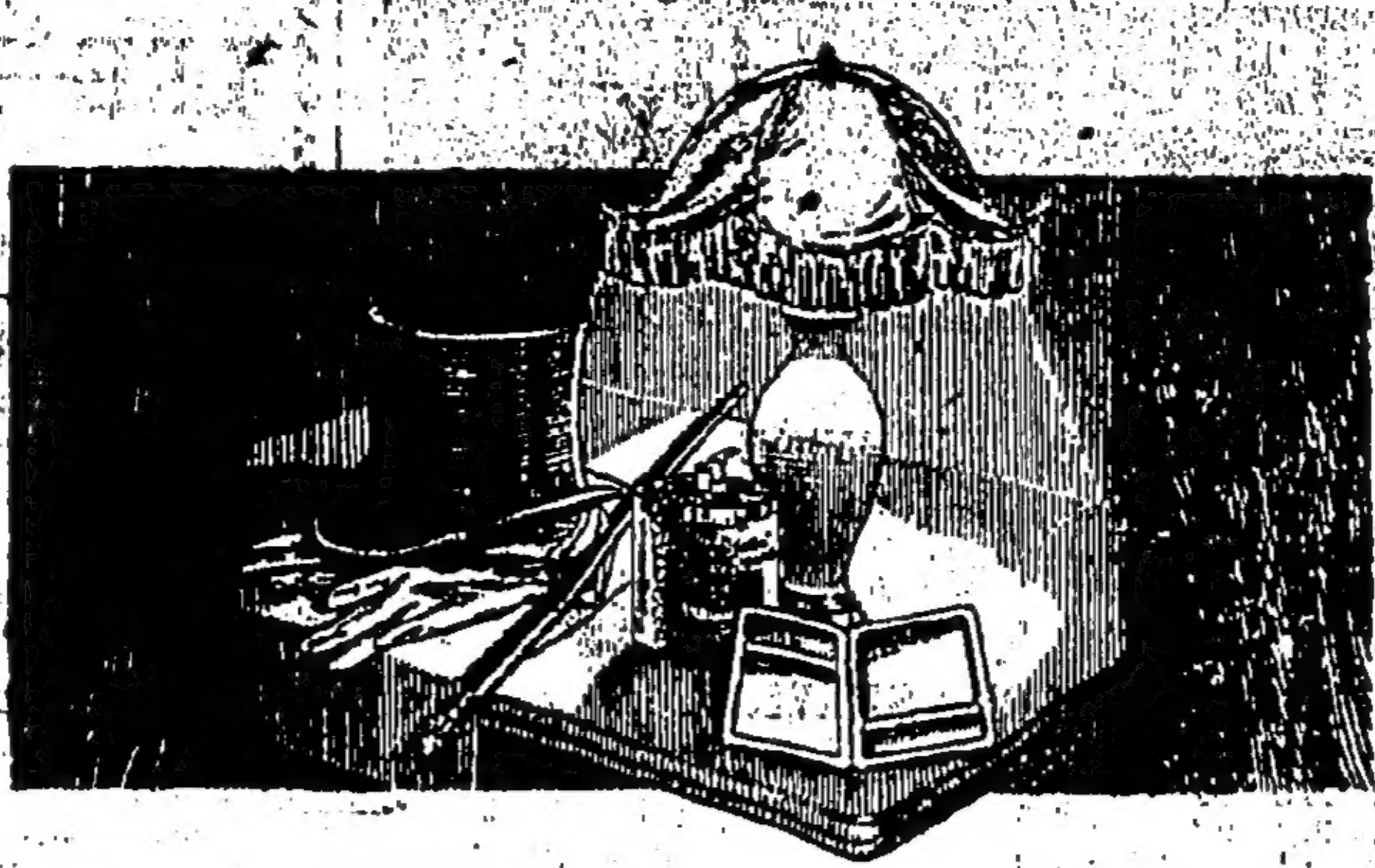
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WORLD OF SPORT.**DEATH OF "PAK."****PASSING OF WELL-KNOWN
SPORTSMAN.**

Many readers will learn with regret of the death in England on October 31, of Mr. Gustavus Conolly Parkenham who was for many years a resident of Kobe and known as one of the keenest of local sportsmen, being an enthusiastic horseman and an equally keen cricketer. He went to Japan in 1885, from Manila, where he had been with Messrs. Martin, Dyce and Co., a firm which fell into difficulties after the great earthquake there, and joined Messrs. Bernard and Wood, tea merchants of Yokohama. A few years later he took up his residence in Kobe, having joined Messrs. Lucas & Co., with whom he remained until the firm was wound up after Mr. Henry Lucas's death. Known to his friends as "Pak," he was liked and esteemed by all, one explanation of this being his characteristic disinclination to indulge in unkind and uncharitable remarks regarding his fellow men. Always genial and tolerant, he made and held friends in all ranks of society. Mr. Parkenham served several years as President of the Kobe Cricket Club and also, took an active interest in other local organizations. As a gentleman rider he figured regularly on the Negishi (Yokohama) Race Course and on one occasion had the honour of winning the Emperor's Cup for a Kobe stable. While in Yokohama he married the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bayne, who died some years ago, and by whom he had several children.

HOCKEY.**H. K. H. C. v. U. S. R. C.**

The following will represent the Club 1st XI against the Sub-marines at the U.S.R.C. at 5.45 p.m. sharp:—

H. K. H. C.—P. W. F. Mills, C. F. Manolo-Hughes, C. L. R. Becker, A. S. Heit, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin, D. H. F. McMaster, G. R. More, W. J. Woodward, E. L. Sim and B. D. Evans.

On Tuesday, November 25, at 4 p.m. at the U. S. R. C. the H. K. H. C. will be at home to the Malaya Cricket Team, and there will be a match on the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.30 p.m. between Malaya and the Cricketers of the Hockey Club. Members and subscribers of the U.S.R.C., H.K.C.C. and H.K.H.C. and all ladies are cordially invited. Tea will be served at 4 p.m. The H. K. H. C. Cricketers side will be—P. W. F. Mills, E. W. Hamilton, G. H. Picky, A. S. Heit, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), Rev. T. B. Powell, H. O'Connell, D. H. F. McMaster, G. R. More, A. C. I. Bowker and S. D. Evans.

INTERPORT CRICKET.**RESULTS AT A GLANCE.**

Hongkong v. Shanghai—win for Hongkong by an innings and 5 runs.

Shanghai v. Malaya—win for Shanghai by 80 runs.

Malaya v. Hongkong—win for Hongkong by two wickets.

Batting Averages.**SHANGHAI.**

	Total runs.	No. of innings.	Average.
Capt. E. L. M. Barrett	54	4	13.50
J. Quayle	121	4	30.25
Dr. W. E. O'Hara	52	4	13.
D. W. Leach	65	4	16.25
A. J. W. Evans	71	4	17.75
W. C. G. Clifford	19	4	9.50
P. Carr	22	4	5.50
D. C. Burn	49	4	12.25
T. L. Rawthorne	59	4	14.75
E. G. Barnes	10	4	2.5
T. W. R. Wilson	18	2	9.
G. F. Gardner	18	2	9.
E. R. Duckett	20	2	10.

MALAYA.

	Total runs.	No. of innings.	Average.
Fl. Lt. G. E. L. Lyock	60	4	15.
N. Grenier	30	4	7.25
P. N. Knight	27	4	6.75
G. M. Brand	64	4	16.
Lt. R. A. Phayre	75	4	18.75
A. E. Holmes	82	4	20.50
Brown	30	4	7.50
W. N. Edwards	104	4	26.
R. T. Foster	51	4	12.75
N. H. P. Whitley	8	2	4.
E. W. N. Wyatt	17	4	4.25
***L. F. H. Thompson	12	2	6.

Bowling Averages.**SHANGHAI.**

	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Barrett	31	6	5.15
Quayle	89	9	9.88
O'Hara	152	7	21.71
Leach	98	5	19.60
Carr	35	2	17.50

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MALAYA.

Holmes-Brown	87	5	17.40
Thompson	205	14	14.63
Knight	164	11	14.90
Grenier	67	4	16.75
Wyatt	81	2	40.50
Whitley	43	0	43.
Stiven	13	0	13.

HONGKONG.

Bowler	160	13	12.30
Reed	157	12	13.08
Quick	37	4	9.25
Hargreaves	49	1	49.
Powell	84	8	10.50
Webster	0	1	0.

IS IT KNOWN?

[From "Sunday Sportsman."]
London, September 28:—That we were listening to a discussion the other day as to what race regularly run has the longest history, the war was not to count.

— That the Newmarket Town Cup run for next week is generally reputed to be the oldest, but it hardly comes under the category of a regular race.

— That the City Bowl at Salisbury must be well in the running for the mighty Eclipse won this time-honoured event so far back as 1769.

— That Eclipse founded the fortunes of Dennis O'Kelly, a notorious Irish crook, who had at one time been a Sedan chairman in Dublin.

— That to read some of the stuff which appeared about O'Kelly some years ago one might be pardoned for imagining that he was a type of the best sportsman.

— That just about the best that can be said for him is that he did run Eclipse as straight as a gun-barrel.

— That everybody who knows J. P. Mannock (and who doesn't?) likes him, and will approve his manly letter of thanks recently published.

— That to-morrow (Monday) will witness the opening of "Mannock's Billiard Club" at 17, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

— That Jack says that the opening of the club will mark "the dawning of a happier day for me."

— That everybody in the sporting world sincerely hopes so.

— That Tony Escott is back in England after a very successful time in America, and will, of course, be riding over here during the now rapidly approaching leaping season.

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